

After a review of the matter it becomes necessary, Mr. Davis said, to consider the message of the President of the United States, and he approached it with the utmost care. He said that he was sure that the message he gave his cordial assent; when it is scrutinized more closely it will seem that there was a reservation therein, and that it was not intended that the United States troops never attempted to be made by any American statesman except Calhoun. That part of the message committing this Government to the support of the independence of Venezuela and Great Britain between themselves might make, could not and would not be acted. Such a policy struck the case between Venezuela and Great Britain, the words of this message were significant.

Speaking of the character of the South American Republics, Mr. Davis said the weaker they were the more dangerous to our peace and to the aggression of foreign powers to our independence.

The resolution under discussion did not

They decided to award the prizes for the six best plans presented for the new buildings in City Hall Park, but which, by the way, will never be erected.

The competition for the drawings was made during the incumbency of Thomas F. Gilroy as Mayor, after the Legislature had passed a bill authorizing new buildings in the park. This bill was repealed, and a new one in force forbids any such addition to the public offices.

The Commission made the awards, in this way:

No. 28, E. R. Thomas, No. 160 Broadway, Brooklyn, \$7,000.

No. 23, E. P. Casey, No. 171 Broadway, \$2,000.

No. 13, Franklin N. Kellogg, \$201 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, \$2,000.

No. 35, Gordon, Bragdon & Orchard, Rochester, \$2,000.

No. 107, Ernest Fager, No. 54 Broad Street, New York, \$2,000.

No. 113, F. J. Weber, Chicago, \$2,000.

A major General Hug, commanding the Department of the East, has been informed that the military board for the preliminary examination of non-commissioned officers of the army, who are applicants for appointments to the grade of second lieutenant, will convene at the War Department on March 16 next. Lieutenant Colonel A. C. M. Pennington, of the Fourth Army, is expected to preside over the board. A number of soldiers stationed at the forts in this harbor will compete at the exam-

floor of John Little's residence, No. 131 West Ninety-third street, caught fire in an unknown manner. The fire spread rapidly, and the damage by fire and water was \$1,500.

Henry Stubie, a driver, nineteen years old of No. 49 Monte street, was brought before the court yesterday by jumping into the East River at the foot of Rutgers street. He was rescued and removed to Gouverneur Hospital a prisoner.

On Tuesday, February 25, the United States Civil Service Commission will hold examinations in this city and Philadelphia of candidates for positions as map printers and engravers in the United States Geological Survey Department. Spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, copywriting

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